

MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS
VICTORIA, JULY 1989

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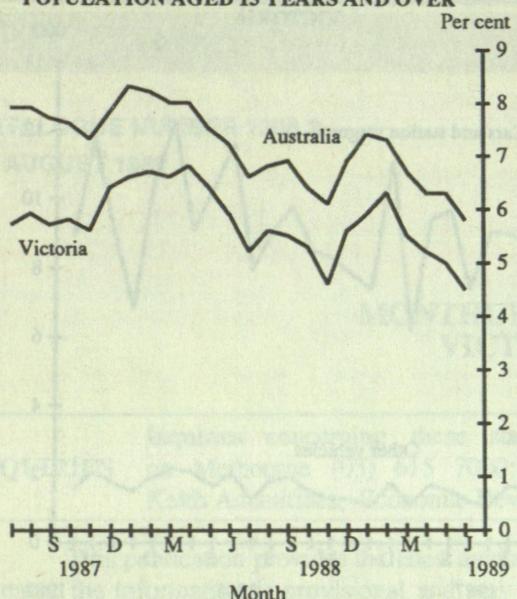
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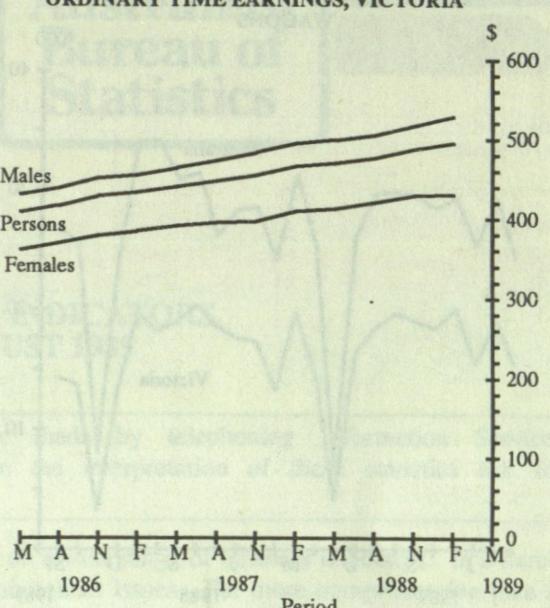
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year per cent	
				One period	Two periods	Three periods					
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons	- full-time	'000	Jun 89	1,621.4	1,630.6	1,631.2	1,615.6	1,556.6	4.2	6,125.3	4.5
	- total	'000	Jun 89	2,051.0	2,054.6	2,038.5	2,025.7	1,948.6	5.3	7,720.5	5.0
Unemployed persons looking for work	- full-time	'000	Jun 89	69.8	77.1	76.6	84.8	92.0	-24.1	378.2	-17.7
	- total	'000	Jun 89	96.0	108.5	112.0	117.1	122.9	-21.9	477.4	-16.0
Labour force											
Participation rate	per cent		Jun 89	63.6	64.1	63.9	63.7	62.3	2.1	62.9	1.0
Unemployment rate	per cent		Jun 89	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.9	-23.7	5.8	-19.4
Job vacancies	'000	May qr 89	24.1	21.2	19.5	18.1	18.6	29.6	73.1	25.0	
Overtime worked per employee	hours	May qr 89	1.57	1.52	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.9	1.46	5.8	
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	Feb qr 89	494.90	487.00	475.90	469.30	465.50	6.3	492.30	14.6	
Males	\$	Feb qr 89	528.40	516.60	504.40	498.30	493.90	7.0	521.90	14.9	
Females	\$	Feb qr 89	430.80	429.20	420.10	412.20	409.30	5.3	431.30	14.8	
All employees total earnings	\$	Feb qr 89	435.10	429.60	417.00	414.90	414.40	5.0	436.30	14.4	
Males	\$	Feb qr 89	512.20	503.30	486.30	483.50	476.30	7.5	511.60	15.1	
Females	\$	Feb qr 89	336.50	333.40	324.60	322.70	326.70	3.0	334.80	15.1	
CONSUMER PRICES (a)											
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -											
Food	index	Mar qr 89	183.9	182.3	179.5	174.0	167.7	9.7	180.5	9.4	
Clothing	index	Mar qr 89	177.3	177.5	171.2	170.3	163.3	8.6	175.9	7.3	
Housing	index	Mar qr 89	207.3	204.5	193.7	189.1	186.8	11.0	197.7	11.6	
Household equipment & operation	index	Mar qr 89	182.3	181.1	178.6	176.8	174.7	4.4	183.1	5.6	
Transportation	index	Mar qr 89	184.5	181.3	181.0	180.8	180.2	2.4	193.6	2.7	
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Mar qr 89	204.8	201.9	201.9	199.1	195.6	4.7	210.1	5.2	
Health & personal care	index	Mar qr 89	203.7	192.6	192.6	190.8	185.8	9.6	191.1	8.5	
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Mar qr 89	165.4	163.7	161.1	160.4	158.6	4.3	163.2	5.1	
All groups	index	Mar qr 89	188.7	186.2	183.0	180.4	177.1	6.5	188.0	6.8	
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Apr 89	1,606.4	1,678.3	1,495.8	1,582.4	1,548.1	3.8	6,215.0	8.8	
PRODUCTION											
Manufacturing -											
Clay bricks	million	Mar 89	33.1	35.7	25.0	30.3	43.5	-23.9	175	-4.9	
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Mar 89	370	403	248	338	362	2.2	1,415	-1.5	
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Mar 89	32,924	37,577	34,447	36,325	42,344	-22.2	45,393	-28.6	
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Mar 89	3,004	3,040	1,573	3,042	3,038	-1.1	3,772	2.4	
Cars & station wagons	'000	Mar 89	14.2	13.6	3.2	13.1	19.7	-27.9	26.6	-15.0	
Yams - Cotton	tonnes	Mar 89	951	798	159	707	751	26.6	1,914	15.1	
- Wool	tonnes	Mar 89	1,284	1,342	638	1,312	1,470	-12.7	1,653	-22.2	
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Mar 89	1,421	1,355	332	911	1,765	-19.5	3,033	-12.5	
- Woollen (incl worsted wool)	'000 sq.m	Mar 89	514	484	324	399	659	-22.0	832	-22.2	
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Mar 89	7,092	7,591	4,247	6,414	7,326	-3.2	16,753	9.3	
Electricity	million kWh	Mar 89	3,279	2,967	2,858	2,928	2,538	29.2	12,225	7.0	
OVERSEAS TRADE											
Imports	\$m	May 89	1,563.0	1,343.0	1,310.0	1,205.2	1,259.0	24.1	4,665.6	27.6	
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Apr 89	751.9	644.7	763.9	689.9	920.2	-18.3	3,860.3	7.6	
BUILDING											
Approvals -											
New houses	No.	May 89	3,821	3,156	2,950	3,032	2,634	45.1	12,177	1.8	
New other residential building	No.	May 89	295	200	220	92	347	-15.0	4,975	49.9	
Value of all building	\$m	May 89	714.4	592.1	579.6	527.6	831.5	-14.1	3,024.2	18.0	
Commencements -											
New houses	No.	Mar qr 89	8,200	9,190	8,310	7,330	6,720	22.0	30,540	20.4	
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar qr 89	665.6	760.0	652.0	557.0	520.2	28.0	2,430.3	37.7	
New other residential buildings	No.	Mar qr 89	767	782	1,263	1,034	1,298	-40.9	9,833	24.4	
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Mar qr 89	45.6	41.7	69.5	54.4	73.1	-37.6	737.8	79.2	
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Mar qr 89	1,035.7	961.2	709.2	1,053.8	593.8	74.4	3,813.2	32.6	
Value of all building	\$m	Mar qr 89	1,885.6	1,889.4	1,545.1	1,773.4	1,291.9	46.0	7,403.3	37.8	
Work done in period	\$m	Mar qr 89	1,739.7	1,808.0	1,618.9	1,464.7	1,321.8	31.6	6,520.5	27.1	
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)											
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Apr 89	129.6	128.7	126.8	126.3	117.6	10.2	129.9	10.6	
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Apr 89	217.2	215.5	213.1	212.1	198.0	9.7	220.0	8.6	
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Cars & station wagons	No.	Apr 89	10,474	13,877	10,850	8,321	10,007	4.7	43,987	19.7	
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Apr 89	8,903	11,810	9,079	6,800	8,520	4.5	34,062	14.7	
Motor cycles	No.	Apr 89	1,571	2,067	1,771	1,521	1,487	5.6	9,925	41.0	
BANKS											
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Apr 89	24,251	23,840	23,727	23,220	21,325	13.7	70,842	20.5	
Major trading -											
Current deposits	\$m	Apr 89	6,217	6,440	6,629	6,396	6,034	3.0	19,732	1.3	
Fixed deposits	\$m	Apr 89	11,308	10,393	9,665	9,288	7,456	51.7	40,394	43.2	
Advances	\$m	Apr 89	15,941	15,326	14,933	14,851	14,703	8.4	53,336	11.9	
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Apr 89	35,428	31,778	34,378	36,517	31,628	12.0	190,567	34.3	
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION											
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Apr 89	473.8	536.5	509.4	453.6	467.9	1.3	1,686.1	-5.9	
Savings banks	\$m	Apr 89	363.6	399.1	385.7	340.4	352.1	3.3	1,198.0	0.6	
Trading banks	\$m	Apr 89	39.4	54.9	45.7	36.1	24.4	61.5	220.5	21.0	
Permanent building societies	\$m	Apr 89	38.1	43.0	47.6	45.3	58.2	-34.5	167.5	-49.9	
Other lenders	\$m	Apr 89	32.7	39.5	30.4	31.7	33.4	-2.1	100.1	18.2	
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,970	1,523	1,786	1,426	1,716	14.8	7,511	14.4	
Manufacturing	\$m	Dec qr 88	709	547	790	592	626	13.3	2,023	20.3	
Finance	\$m	Dec qr 88	543	502	486	425	541	0.4	2,087	15.2	
New building and structures	\$m	Dec qr 88	620	518	553	402	537	15.5	2,769	15.6	
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,350	1,006	1,233	1,024	1,179	14.5	4,742	13.8	

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

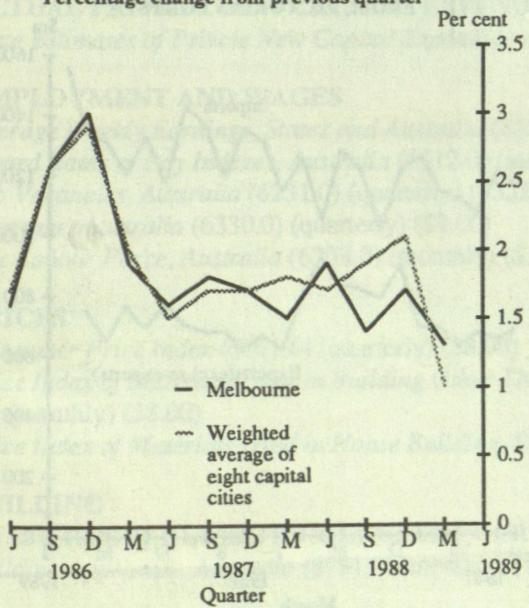
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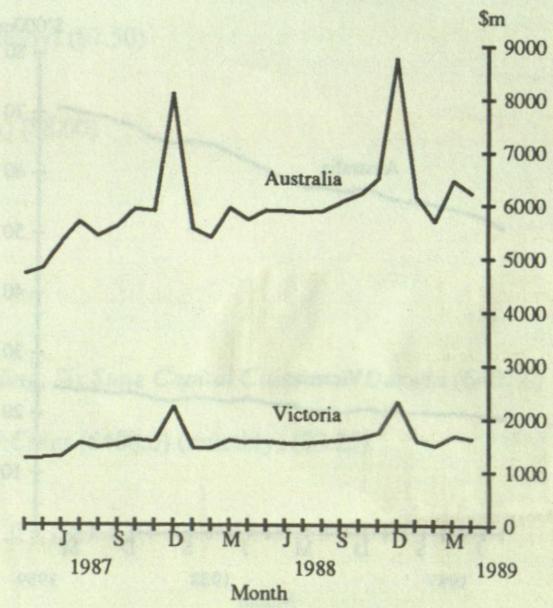
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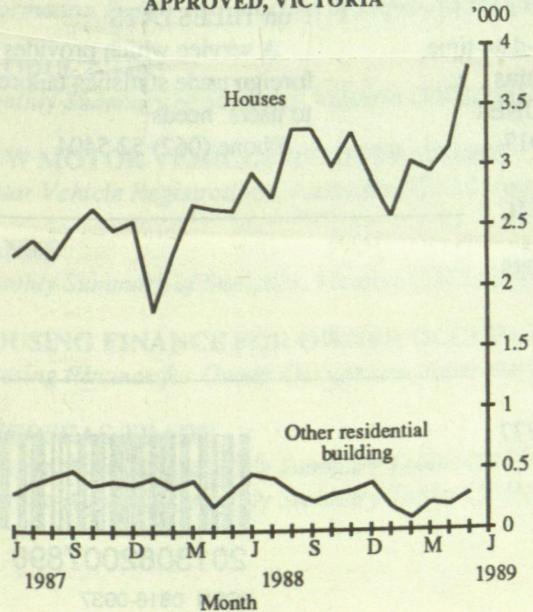
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Percentage change from previous quarter



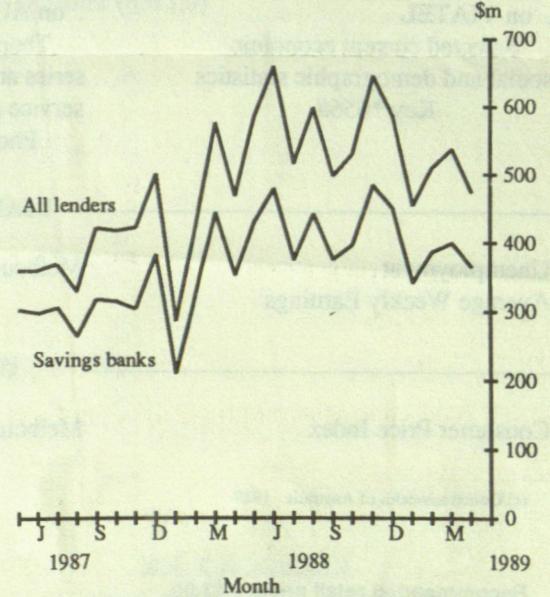
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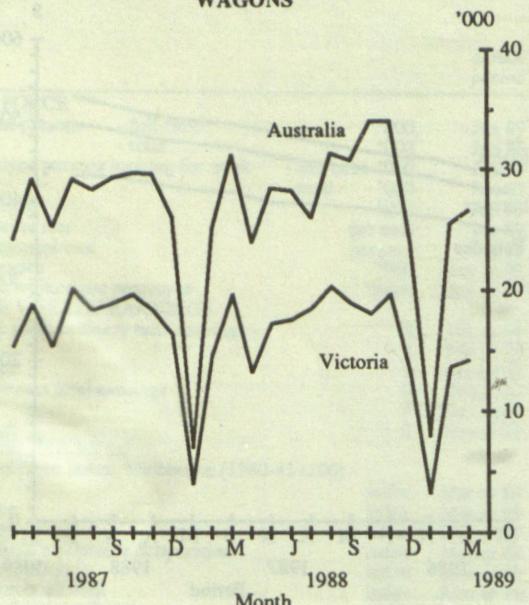
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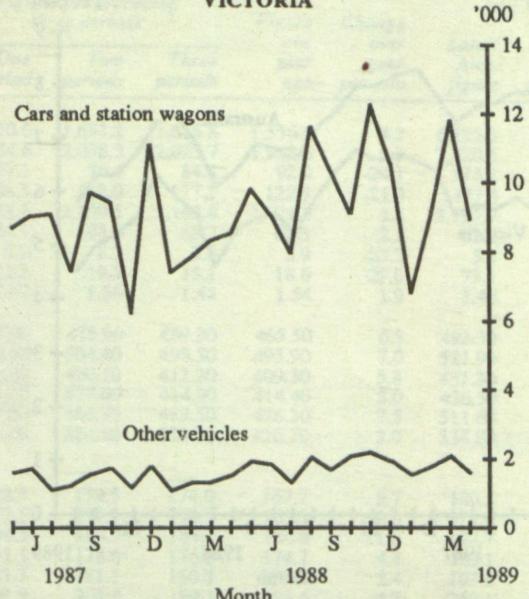
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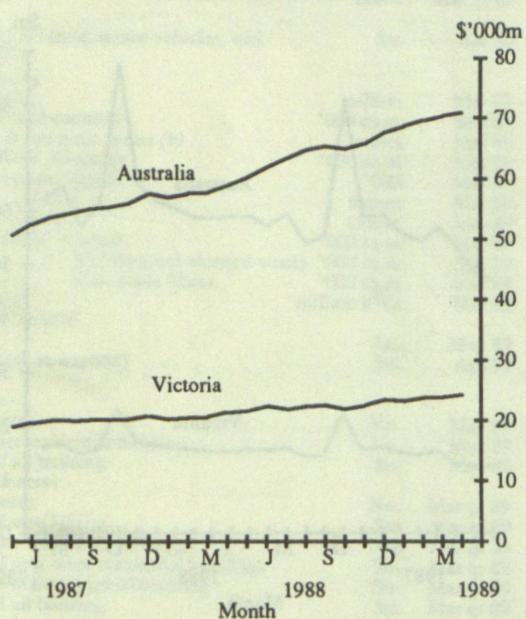
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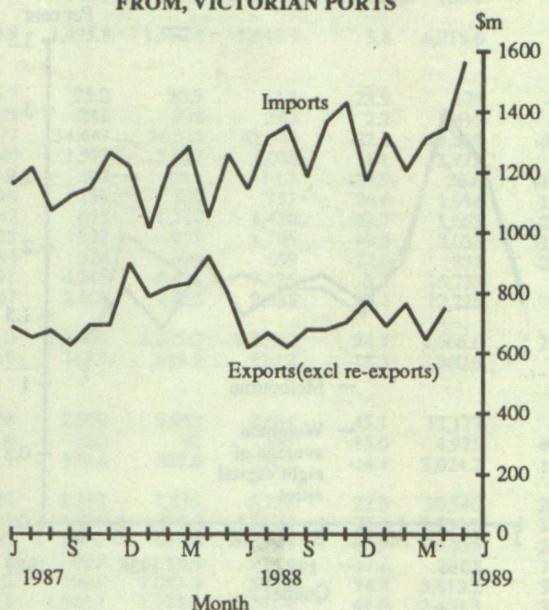
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SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



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